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ANNOUNCER: What do the Pocket Rangers do in winter when there are no
 fires to fight? Is it a question of time? Actually, no. They
 frequently assist the owner in plant. The reason is
 winter time danger is of course the time of the year when
 there's little work with fire. The winter season they bring in
 or work on maintaining their sales, adding winter services and
 other services in some cases and plant service, in the winter
 maintaining equipment, planning and organizing. Improvements
 and a host of other jobs. Their time is the necessary winter
 work that goes on in the winter season. Supplying wood for
 stoves and records, making required repairs of forest conditions
 and of the year's activities.

Today at the Fire and Ranger Station, behind the station
 and Jerry walk into the office in a full day of winter work
 and the first season is over. Jim is still at it - but since
 the season is over, Jim is happy. Just because that the
 started for a little while. Jerry's activity, as you might
 expect, has been somewhat different. Just because that the

JERRY: Well, I've glad you come over tonight, Jerry. Seems like I
 haven't seen you for months.

ANNOUNCER: I know it, Jerry. You've been so busy lately. - Are you
 sure you shouldn't be making tonight too. Jerry? He says
 is working in the office now.

JERRY: No, I can wait, Mary. I've got to get that special use report in to the Supervisor's office tomorrow, but I can get up early in the morning and finish it. Stick around and let's talk awhile.

MARY: All right - for a little while. -- But maybe I ought to help Mrs. Robbins out in the kitchen first. (CALLS) Yoo hoo - Mrs. Robbins --

BESS: (OFF) Oh, hello, Mary -- (COMING UP) I didn't know you were here.

MARY: I dropped in for just a little while, Mrs. Robbins. I'm not going to stop very long. -- Can't I help you finish up out there in the kitchen?

BESS: Oh no, Mary. I'm almost through. You go ahead and visit with Jerry. You young folks haven't had a chance to be together for so long.

MARY: All right, Mrs. Robbins.

JERRY: Let's sit down here, Mary, and talk about -- things.

MARY: All right, Jerry. - Tell me everything you've been doing this week.

JERRY: Well -- I've been up with the CCC boys most of the week, getting started on timber stand improvement work, - you know, thinning, and cutting out weed trees so as to get better timber growth in the young stands. -- Worked in the office all day today. -- What you been doing?

MARY: Oh, nothing particularly exciting.

JERRY: How's the school-teaching going?

MARY: Just fine. Everything's going along very smoothly. -- But do we have to talk about school?

JERRY: Well, - there's something else I've been wanting to talk with you about --

MARY: Yes, Jerry.

JERRY: I mean about getting married --

MARY: Yes, Jerry --?

JERRY: I mean -- I think we ought to be sort of figuring about when --

JIM: (OFF .CALLS) JERRY --

JERRY: (CALLS) Yeah - what d'yuh want, Jim?

JIM: (OFF) Jerry, where's that file on grazing trespass cases? You had it last

JERRY: (CALLS) It's in that pile of stuff on my desk. Wait a minute, I'll get it for yuh, Jim. (GOING OFF) 'Scuse me a minute, will you Mary?

MARY: Surely.

(PAUSE)

JERRY: (COMING UP) Sorry about this interruption, Mary -

MARY: Oh, that's all right, Jerry.

JERRY: Well, anyway -- where were we?

MARY: About our getting married.

JERRY: Oh yeah. Well - I think we ought to kinda figure about when we could --

JIM: (OFF..CALLS) Jerry --

JERRY: (CALLS) Yeah.

JIM: (OFF..CALLS) Where's your figures on special uses?

JERRY: (CALLS) I'll get 'em, Jim. (GOING OFF) 'Scuse me again, Mary.

(PAUSE)

JERRY: (COMING UP) Well -- Jim sure seems to be wanting a lot of things tonight.

MARY: Maybe you ought to be helping him, Jerry, instead of being in here talking with me.

JERRY: Oh no. He's working on some different stuff from what I was. I can get that report I was working on fixed up in time, all right. -- Let's see -- what were we talking about?

MARY: Why Jerry! -- but perhaps you don't consider the subject very important.

JERRY: Oh, yes, about getting married. Gee, Mary, I sure do think it's important. It's all I ever think about, -- when I get time to think about anything at all.

MARY: I'm thinking about it too, Jerry -- all the time.

JERRY: Gee, that's swell. Don't you think we ought to -- (PHONE RINGS) There's the doggone telephone! -- (ANSWERING PHONE) Hello. Pine Cone Ranger Station -- Yeah -- Yeah -- Yeah -- Yeah. It was ordered this morning. -- Yeah, it oughta be up first thing tomorrow morning. -- Yeah, we'll get it right up. -- All right. G'bye. (HANGS UP) That was the foreman up at the CCC camp. Wanted to know about a new part they need for one of the trucks.

MARY: Oh.

JERRY: Gosh, a fellow has a hard time getting a word in edgewise in this place. -- Listen, Mary -- about this wedding business --

JIM: (OFF-CALLS) Oh Jerry --

JERRY: (CALLS) Yeah?

JIM: (OFF-CALLS) I've got a caller here in the office. Will you take care of him?

JERRY: (DISGUSTED) All right, I'm coming --

(INTERVAL MUSIC)

JERRY: (COMING UP) Gosh, I thought that guy was going to stay all night. -- All he wanted was a permit to cut a few fence posts on the Forest, but he thought he had to tell me the whole history of his family and all his ideas on politics and everything else. I don't see why people can't do their business at a Ranger Station during office hours instead of coming all hours of the night.

MARY: I guess a Ranger has very little time he can call his own.

JERRY: I should say he hasn't. -- You see what you'll be getting into if you marry a ranger. I feel like I haven't any right to ask you to share that kind of a life, Mary.

MARY: (SOFTLY) I'm willing to share it, Jerry -- and I want to do everything I can to help you make good in the Forest Service.

JERRY: Thanks, Mary, - you're a peach. -- Well, then. I'll tell you what let's do. We'll --

BESS: (COMING UP) Well, well, look at our little love-birds. Have you been having a nice little visit all by yourselves?

JERRY: (SARCASTIC) Yeah, swell.

MARY: Jerry's had several interruptions, Mrs. Robbins.

JERRY: I'll say so. What with the telephone and people wanting cutting permits and everything I've been hopping all over the place all evening.

BESS: Oh, that's a shame, Jerry. You folks have had so little chance to be together lately.

(PHONE RINGS)

JERRY: There's that doggone phone ringing again.

BESS: I'll answer it this time. You folks just go ahead and talk.
(ANSWERING PHONE) Hello. -- Yes, this is Mrs. Robbins. -- Oh, hello, Mr. Ellsworth. -- Yes, they're both here. -- Oh, all right, I'll call Jim. -- (TO JERRY) That's the Supervisor, Jerry. He says he wants to talk with you in a minute, but he wants to speak to Jim first.

JERRY: All right.

BESS: (CALLS) Oh, Jim.

JIM: (OFF) Yes?

BESS: (CALLS) Mr. Ellsworth is on the phone. He wants to speak with you.

JIM: (OFF) All right. Coming. -- (UP ANSWERING PHONE) Hello. -- Yeah, hello Bert. -- Huh? -- Hmm. Kinda short notice, isn't it. -- Well, it'll leave me kinda up against it, Bert, but we'll be able to make out all right, I reckon. I'll pull in one of the foreman from the CCC camp temporarily. -- Yeah, I think Jerry ought to have the experience. It'll be a good thing for 'im. -- All right, Bert, I'll let you talk to Jerry. (TO JERRY) All right, Jerry. Bert wants to talk to you.

JERRY: What is it, Jim? What's up?

11:00 Jerry: Sure I'll tell you about it.

11:30 Jerry: I wonder what it can be.

11:50 Jerry: (ON PHONE) Hello Mr. Ellsworth - Yes -- Good! Tomorrow morning? Good, that's about right, isn't it -- Did I say it was OK -- well -- yes, I can make it all right -- All right Mr. Ellsworth, I'll be in there first thing in the morning -- All right Good bye. (HANGS UP) There!

12:00 Mary: Why, what's the matter Jerry? What's happened?

12:10 Jerry: I've got to leave the Pine Cone District.

12:20 Mary: Oh, Jerry?

12:30 Jerry: Yeah, the Supervisor says the Regional Office has requested my transfer to another job -- it's on the Shalsholt project in the Great Plains. I don't know yet whether it'll be a temporary detail, or whether I'll be transferred permanently -- but anyway, I've got to get down to Miller City first thing in the morning -- The Supervisor is going in to see Regional today and he wants me to go with him.

12:40 Mary: Oh, Jerry, we're going to miss you awfully.

12:50 Jerry: Maybe you think I won't miss you folks -- Good, are Robinson you and Jim sure have been fine to me -- The Pine Cone District Station has been a real home to me -- I can't tell you how much I appreciate all you've done.

13:00 Mary: You've been just like an own son to us, Jerry.

13:10 Jerry: Thanks a lot, Mrs. Robinson -- I -- I -- Good, I've got a Miller City thing to do yet before I leave. I want to finish that report Jim, and --

JIM: I can take care of that

JERRY: Well, I've got to clean up my desk anyhow, and arrange about Sport, and give you notifications on some of those current jobs, and a lot of other things and - oh yes - and pack up. Yeah, they sure didn't give me much time, did they?

JIM: You'll get used to that sort of thing when you've been in the Service as long as I have, boy. Mary's the time Boss and I have had to pick up and move on short notice. That was one of the conditions you accepted when you entered the Forest Service, you know

JERRY: Sure, I know. I remember almost word for word what it said: "Administrative and technical positions may involve travel and require absence from home for considerable periods of time. Every member of the Service may be required to transfer to other assignments if the interests of the Service will be served thereby."

JIM: Yep, that's about it. And it's a good thing, too. Sometimes keeps a fellow from going stale on the job. - I'm glad you're getting this opportunity, Jerry. New surroundings and a new kind of work - the experience will be good for you, - but (SWALLOWS LUMP IN THROAT) we'll miss you, son. I'll be hard to have you leave us.

JERRY: Maybe I'll be back on the Pine Cone before long, Jim.

JIM: Maybe so.

JERRY: Well, Mary -

MARY: Yes.

JERRY: I - I was hoping we could be married real soon, Mary, but I guess we'll have to postpone it again.

MARY: I guess we'll have to Jerry.

JERRY: Can I ask you to wait for me, Mary - a little while longer, anyhow?

MARY: I'll wait for you, Jerry - patiently.

(FADEOUT - MUSIC)

ANNOUNCER: Well, folks, we'll have to say goodbye to Jerry - but we're hoping it won't be for long.

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